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To: The Chairman and Members of the Council of the LEISTON
URBAN DISTRICT.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Sylvester and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1951.

As you will be aware Dr. S.T.G.Gray, Deputy County Medical Officer of Health was your Acting Medical Officer from the time of Dr. Sleigh's resignation until I took up my appointment on January 3rd, 1952.

Consequently my report is based on previous records and statistics rather than on my own observations, I am indebted to your Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, Mr. R. Fairclough, for supplying much of the information.

Apart from the birth-rate being slightly lower than the national rate, all the vital statistics compare favourably with those of England and Wales. There was only one infant death and the Maternal Mortality rate was nil. These two figures are reason for satisfaction.

With the exception of a small outbreak of Dysentery there was no epidemic of serious infectious disease.

The diphtheria immunisation figures require watching and it is hoped that the downward trend will be checked in the forthcoming months.

On the whole 1951, compares satisfactorily with previous years.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant,

J.B.Kershaw.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	4,466	(4,466)
Registrar General's estimate of population (June 1951.)	4,079	(4,068)
Number of inhabited houses	1,372	(1,348)
Rateable Value.....	£21,137	(£20,728)
Product of penny rate.....	£83	(£82)

1950 Figures in Parenthesis.

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VITAL STATISTICS.

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Live births.....	33	33	66
(Illegitimate Births).....	(1)	(1)	(2)

Birth rate per 1,000 population = 13.7
 Rate per 1,000 population
 (England & Wales) = 15.5
 Comparability factor = 1.21

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Stillbirths (Legitimate).....	3	-	3
(Illegitimate).....	(-)	(-)	(-)

Rate per 1,000 live births = 45.4
 Rate per 1,000 population = .73
 Rate per 1,000 population
 (England & Wales) = .36

Maternal Mortality NIL

INFANTILE MORTILITY.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age = 1

INFANTILE MORTILITY RATE.

Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births = 15.1

Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births
 (England & Wales) = 29.6

DEATHS.

<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
35	28.	63
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population		= 12.9
England and Wales		= 12.5
Comparability Factor		= 0.74

CAUSES OF DEATHS.

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung	1	0
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	1
Other Malignant neoplasms	4	0
Vascular lesions of nervous systems	3	5
Coronary disease, angina	3	2
Other heart disease	12	11
Other circulatory disease	4	1
Influenza	3	0
Pneumonia	0	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	0	4
Motor vehicle accidents	1	0
All other accidents	0	2
	<u>35</u>	<u>28</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during this year:-

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
Whooping Cough	15	12
Measles	2	3
Pneumonia	6	2
Scarlet Fever	3	2
Erysipelas	-	1
Dysentery	12	10
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1

A small outbreak of dysentery occurred in the early part of the year due to the Shigella Sonnei Organism. Bacteriological examination of specimens of faeces from the members of the families affected was carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Ipswich. Altogether, seven separate households were affected and 21 cases were notified during the first three months of the year. One isolated case occurred in another household in November.

TUBERCULOSIS

	MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
	Pulm-onary	Non-Pulm.	Pulm-onary	Non-pulm.	
Number of cases on register at beginning of year	10	3	3	4	20
Number of cases added during the year.	2	2	4	1	9
Number removed during the year.	3	1	1	-	5
Number of cases on register at end of the year	9	4	6	5	24

Additions to the Register.

New notifications = 9.

Removals from Register

Recovered = 4.

Died = 1.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following information in respect of the Urban District:-

Pre-school children immunised	212
Total number of children immunised	703
% pre-school children immunised	66.88
% all children immunised	74.87
"Booster" injection	64

Comparative figures for the last 3 years:

	1949	1950	1951
% pre-school children immunised	<u>78.8</u>	<u>73.0</u>	<u>66.9</u>
% all children immunised	80.5	88.2	74.9

MILK

The County Public Health Staff took six samples of milk from the herds of producers during the year. None of the samples was found to contain Tubercle Bacilli or Brucella Organisms.

HOUSING

Local Authority.

10 Bungalows and 12 houses were completed on the Grimsey Housing Estate and 2 houses in Haylings Road.

Private Enterprise.

1 Private house was completed during the year

WATER

- 1). The water supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.
- 2). One sample of water was submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Ipswich, for Bacteriological examination report. In this case the Bacteriological findings were very satisfactory.
- 3). No action was taken in respect of any form of contamination.
- 4). A contract was being completed by the end of the year for the extension of the town's water to Sizewell.
- 5). Number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains (estimated).

(a) Direct to houses	1,252
(b) By means of standpipe	136.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

It was not found necessary to take any action under section 17, of this act.

FOOD.

The Urban District Council is one of the local authorities which has adopted byelaws made under Section 15. of the Food and Drugs Act 1938. for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food sold or intended for sale for human consumption, and in connection with the sale or exposure for sale in the open air , of food intended for sale.

Shops and places where food is prepared, including the manufacture and sale of ice cream continued to be inspected regularly.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle including Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	1,160	153	1,469	1,035
Number Inspected	1,160	153	1,469	1,035
All diseases except Tuberculosis whole carcasses condemned	3	1	2	7
Tuberculosis only whole carcasses condemned	10	0	0	1

The total weight of meat and offal condemned as being either diseased, unsound or unfit for human consumption was:-

7 tons, 7 cwts, 1 qr, 10 lbs

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

FACTORIES ACT 1938 and 1948.

The following details have been abstracted from the Annual Report of the Medical Officer submitted to the Minister of Labour and National Service:-

Part I of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes as to provisions to health.

PREMISES	Number on register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	8	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	29	56	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	35	64	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:- NIL.

